



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2024

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on March 7, 2024, at 3:00pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Robert Barley, citizen member (via Zoom); Robert Franklin, CFO, Dept. of Finance; Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Deputy Co. Exec. Jeff McCann); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Chief of Staff, Asst. Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Sean Murphy, DES (for Mike Garland, Dir. of Environmental Services); Kristina Daugherty, Public Safety; Josette Mangieri, Finance

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Dir. of Planning & Dev.; Patrick Gooch, Sr. Assoc. Planner; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Bd.

Others Present: Dept. of Aviation: Michael Wall, Airport Construction Project Manager,
Public Citizen: Scot Makai

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Election of the 2024 Chair & Vice Chairperson

Chairman Santos reminds the Board that only Citizen Board Members can nominate and vote. Citizen members are those positions appointed by the Co Exec, Legislature, and EMC.

- 1) Nominations for Chairperson: Chairman Santos opened nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Wiedemer nominated Bill Santos; Mr. Watson seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos asked for a motion to close the nominations and nominate Bill Santos for chairperson. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve Bill Santos as the 2024 Chairperson of the Monroe County Planning Board for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2) Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Chairman Santos opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Chairman Santos nominated Mike Wiedemer; Mr. Rivera seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos asked for a motion to close the nominations and nominate Mike Wiedemer for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve Mike Wiedemer as the 2024 Vice Chairperson of the Monroe County Planning Board for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE November 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Murphy **Seconded:** Mr. Wiedemer **Vote:** Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) **Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled “Rochester Pure Water District – Frank E. Van Lare Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical System Improvement” in the amount of \$16,852,504, for a total project authorization of \$37,852,504**

Presenter: Mr. Sean Murphy, DES

Discussion: This project was in the 2019 – 2024 CIP and the project has been built. This request is for the second phase of the project. The second phase will enhance the reliability and resiliency of the facility’s electrical system. The Frank E. Van Lare Wastewater Treatment Plant processes sanitary wastewater from Rochester Pure Waters District, Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, and the Irondequoit Bay – South Central Pure Waters District. It also processes combined sewage from the Rochester Pure Waters District during precipitation events. The average daily flow is 135,000 gallons and the peak flow of 660,000 gallons/day.

Mr. Murphy also shared that the project has received a FEMA grant, which covers 90% of the project cost.

Mr. Murphy provided below information in response to some questions from the Board:

- Diesel versus natural gas Generators: Diesel is a cleaner burning fuel; also, you get more power out of generators using diesel than natural gas. Another consideration is that gas mains are susceptible to damage, so it is better to have the fuel on site so that we can operate the generators and then refuel as we need to with trucks on a need basis.
- The size of the diesel tank is not yet engineer-designed; the tank is likely to be below grade but still needs to figure out during the design phase.

Motion: Mr. Watson **Seconded:** Mr. Tantalo **Vote:** Motion Approved

b) Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Airport Electrification and Carbon Emission Reduction Project" at the Frederick Douglass-Great Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$1,600,000

Presenter: Mr. Michael Wall, Airport

Discussion: Airport recently received a grant to look at the EV charging and carbon emission reduction projects. Shuttle bus was a part of the application. The grant will also be used for finalizing design and looking at demands and needs.

Mr. Wall responded to some questions from the Board:

- This is an addition of an electric shuttle bus to the existing shuttle fleet, not a replacement. Adding one now (about one year out) and then planning more for the future. This will be the first electric shuttle bus.
- The new electric shuttle bus will be a similar size as the current fleet, with a capacity of 14-15 passengers
- The bus charging station is not accessible to the public; the study will also look at what types of charging station we can put up there

Motion: Mr. Wiedemer

Seconded: Mr. Franklin

Vote: Motion Approved

c) Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Acquire/Replace Rescue Firefighting Safety Vehicle (R3)" at the Frederick Douglass-Great Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$1,500,000

Presenter: Mr. Michael Wall, Airport

Discussion: The R3 is a fire fight vehicle and has an average service life of 15 years. This R3 vehicle is 18 years old. There were about \$106,000 in repair costs over the years from 2018 to 2023. The project is looking to get a federal grant to replace this R3. The replacement truck will be a very similar size, the only difference is the color. The new truck's color will be a high-visibility yellow color.

The old truck will be at the public safety training facility and the new firefighter will be able to train on this truck. Also, they could bring the truck temporarily back in service, if current fleet requires a lengthy repair.

Mr. Wall responded to a question from the Board:

- The current truck has 4,800 hours of service

Motion: Mr. Franklin

Seconded: Mr. Tantalo

Vote: Motion Approved

CIP PRESENTATION:

Introduction of the Proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Presenter: Mr. Patrick Gooch

Mr. Gooch provided a PowerPoint presentation that gave a timeline overview of the CIP process and then presented the County Executive's proposed 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the Board (attached).

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Gooch reviewed the action items for the Board, regarding the proposed CIP, for the next couple of meetings this month.

Planning Board members stated interest in having Public Safety representatives present to talk about their CIP projects at one of the next two scheduled board meetings, March 14 or March 21.

ACTION ITEM:

Set date of Public Hearing, on the proposed CIP, for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm, pursuant to legal notice (attached). Mr. Gooch will give a summary on the proposed CIP at the start of the Public Hearing, before department presentations.

Motion: Mr. Barley

Seconded: Mr. Watson

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

March 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm Public Hearing, Department Presentations

March 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm Department Presentations, CIP Votes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Franklin

Seconded: Mr. Tantalo

Adjournment: 4:21 pm

